



**MINUTES OF THE  
DELEGATES' MEETING  
November 28, 2012  
OWN CO-OP, 115 The Esplanade**

**Board of Directors in Attendance:**

President: Suzanne Kavanagh, St. Lawrence on-the-Park  
Secretary: Jacque Williams, Old York Tower  
Treasurer: Caida Gill, London on the Esplanade  
VP Internal: Steve Lowden, London on the Esplanade  
At Large: Dan O'Leary, 15 Scadding  
At Large: John Wichelow, Windmill Line Co-op  
At Large: Debra Corey, 230 King Street E.

**Voting Delegates in Attendance:**

Catherine Limberti - 1 Church St.  
Wally Simpson - Crombie Park  
Doug Maybank - Crombie Park  
David Crawford - 135 George St. S.  
Ewa Jarmicka - Harmony Co-op Homes  
Marie DeRosie - Harmony Co-op Homes  
Judith Nagata - 168 George St. E.  
Keith Bricknell - 7 King St. E.  
Bob Parkin - 71 Front St. E.  
Deborah Field - Longboat Residents Association  
Joan Campbell - Market Square  
Bruno Leps - Market Square  
Del Brown - Marketview Housing Co-op  
Alan Seymour - Old York Tower  
Duncan Ash - Old York Tower  
Jim Loxley - PAL  
Eileen Boyd - PAL  
David Balcon - 313 Richmond St. E.

**Associate Members & Guests:**

Tom Davidson - Pam McConnell's Office  
PC Mark Kennedy - 51 Division  
Ruth Williams - 1 Church St.  
Sonya Secker - Market Square  
Cathy Birch  
Olga Krenko - OWN

**Board of Directors Regrets:**

Maureen Walsh - 15 Scadding  
Toby Tenenbaum - St. Lawrence on the Park  
Don James - 222 The Esplanade  
Wendy Devine - Windmill Line Co-op  
Faith Sawyers - Windmill Line Co-op

**Regrets:**

Joyce Arnold - 135 George Street South  
Ian Campbell - Woodsworth Co-op  
Margaret McQuade - David B. Archer  
Lois Thompson - David B. Archer  
Mary McDonald - 25 The Esplanade

**1. Registration and Refreshments**

**2. Opening Of Meeting**

**2.1 Opening Remarks**

Suzanne Kavanagh (President) stated that she would be chairing the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

## 2.2 Approval of Agenda

It was resolved to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

**MOVED BY:** Keith Bricknell  
**SECONDED BY:** Alan Seymour

## 2.3 Approval of Minutes for October 29, 2012

The following amendments were put forth: identify Doug Maybank as absent; correct spelling of Willie Macrae's name; the report on the North Market (item 5) should include that there is a possibility of a connection between the north side of the North Market and St. Lawrence Hall. It was then resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on October 29, 2012 as amended. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED**.

**MOVED BY:** Dell Brown  
**SECONDED BY:** Joan Campbell

## 3. Board Meeting Update:

- Reminder that there is no delegates' meeting in December; Jennifer Keesmaat, Chief Planner, City of Toronto will speak at the January meeting
- Caida Gill is now Treasurer and John Wichelow is Director-at-Large
- Suzanne had monthly meeting with Councillor McConnell and discussed the outcome of the OMB hearing on 154 Front Street and the possibility of a casino; Pam confirmed that "our ward does not support a casino"

## 4. Presentation – by Police Constable Mark Kennedy, Crime Analyst, 51 Division

PC Kennedy was introduced by Don James, SLNA Liaison with the Community Policing Liaison Committee.

- described how he is responsible for collecting, collating and disseminating information; all calls are logged and action is noted; information leads to decisions on deployment of officers
- 51 Division is the smallest division (7.1 square kilometers) but the most densely populated (26,000/sq km vs. 14,500 sq/km for 14 Division); has the highest call volume but also the highest number of officers; as well has the highest concentration of shelter beds (12,000 - 13,000 in total with 7,500 for men)
- Major crime indicators (reported crimes):

Offence Type	May 12 - Nov 11, 2011	May 12 - Nov 11, 2012	Difference
Break and enter	26	11	-58%
Robbery	14	7	-50%
Assault	0	0	NIL
Sexual Assault	13	2	-85%
Theft from Vehicle	148	75	-49%
Theft of Vehicle	12	6	-50%
Theft over \$5,000	0	0	NIL

- these stats are only based on reported crimes; in particular, thefts from vehicle are often not reported since people fear increase in premiums; PC Kennedy emphasized that police need to know about these crimes and that insurance companies are not notified when police are called
- 51 Division needs to know about all crimes - by reporting these, the division can respond better; use 416-808-2222 for non-emergency reporting; can also use the Community Complaint Form on their website [www.torontopolice.on.ca](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca) to report situations of concern (groups of people loitering, etc.) - the more specific, the better (times, description of people, actions); an officer can then be deployed to these targeted areas to address community concerns

- 51 Division has a mobile crisis intervention team (MCIT), an officer paired with a mental health nurse from St. Michael's Hospital; this team can be requested by the community
- Situational awareness is key for increased personal safety; be careful when using smart phones since they present an easy target for theft since they can be quickly turned into cash; as well, using smart phones can distract the user from monitoring traffic or immediate surroundings
  - avoidance is key: avoid short cuts through dark alleys or poorly illuminated or unpopulated areas; when using an ATM, count your money somewhere safe and not at the machine
  - surveillance cameras are helpful but police have to go through the Privacy Commission for approval in order to better balance citizens' right to privacy and the needs of police; had over 200 hours of video footage of the Cabbagetown stabbing from the public or businesses
- there is also work being done via CPTED: crime prevention through environmental design
  - by trimming trees and bushes, installing better lighting, putting up cameras, etc. natural surveillance ("eyes on the street") can be increased and community safety improved
  - 51 Division is happy to do a walkthrough for housing associations and make recommendations on improvements; it's helpful for the association to know their budget and what they want to accomplish to enable police to make more targeted recommendations; in the end, the housing group is responsible for implementing recommendations
- Major issue for the community is drugs: 70-75% of crimes tie back to drugs; by using the Community Complaint Forms and the 416-808-2222 community policing number and 416-222-TIPS (CrimeStoppers) to report concerns, 51 Division can do more
- A big concern for some people is the fear of reprisal; PC Kennedy emphasized that the name of the person submitting a report is not ever released; the whole intent is to separate the complainant from the suspect
- Another way of taking back public spaces is by organizing a dog-walking or walking club to make it uncomfortable for those engaging in nefarious activities

Q Why are names of suspects not released?

A Information is sometimes withheld by police to better ensure conviction

Q What can be done when the housing group will not post community safety notices of crimes because of fears of reducing property values or scaring off prospective tenants?

A Can't force the building to post these notices; could at least put up notice outlining links for the Toronto Police Service which will outline notices and crime alerts

Q Are cameras a deterrent for crime?

A Adding cameras are not a huge deterrent (estimated 5% drop); major benefit is the ability to archive data to help with investigation, prosecution and conviction

Suzanne thanked PC Kennedy and his colleagues for attending the meeting. She also reminded the group that the SLNA website has links to 51 Division. Finally, she encouraged people to attend the annual Building Bridges fund-raising gala which is held every November by 51 Division.

## **5. Update on Community Gardening**

Dan O'Leary gave an update:

- independent gardeners have done more than ever: they held their own fundraisers and generally took charge, more volunteers than ever before
- encouraged to see more use of parks and public space e.g. movie nights, summer camps, visits from Market Lane Public School
- looking for a corporate sponsor for the Children's Garden; children held a bake sale and raised \$165
- in general, fund raising is happening outside the SLNA with \$1400 coming from the community; fund raising of \$500 was done on Environment Day

## **6. Budget Update**

Caida Gill presented the final 2013 budget for approval. As per the discussion at the October 2012 Delegates' Meeting, there will be no increase in membership fees for 2013. Reductions were made in support for the St. Lawrence BIA and community gardening to fund sponsorship of "Music in the Park" and increase support of the Building Bridges scholarship. Increases in expenses will be funded from an increase in new memberships. A suggestion was made to investigate banking options for community groups.

It was then resolved to approve the 2013 Budget. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Alan Seymour  
**SECONDED BY:** Dell Brown

### **7. Results of Delegates Survey**

Steve Lowden reported on the results of the recent survey which 23 delegates completed. Overall, the scores of the ten questions were very favourable with helpful comments being given. Key areas of improvement include communication, raising awareness and creating greater sense of community.

On the subject of communication, the group made some additional suggestions which the Board will review:

- prioritize e-mail updates, perhaps considering weekly composite e-mail
- encourage notices in buildings of upcoming meetings
- encourage feedback reports from delegates to their housing associations
- Steve to distribute SLNA awareness poster to delegates to post on bulletin boards, include in newsletters, etc.
- consider publishing a newsletter

### **8. New Business**

- Ewa Jarmicka from Toronto's First Post Office encouraged the group to consider a TFPO membership as a holiday gift; as well, they will be celebrating Toronto's Birthday on March 6, 2013 but need to find a venue that can hold 120 people -- e-mail her (via Jacquie) with any ideas
- Wally Simpson raised the issue of the request made by concerned citizens to put up additional fencing along the Esplanade for the park on the south side of the Esplanade and Sherbourne to increase safety for dogs and children; this issue had been discussed at the October Board Meeting with the outcome that further information would be sought from Parks and Recreation; the group discussed the desirability of additional fencing -- decision was made for the Board to create an ad hoc committee and provide Terms of Reference for it

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next Delegates' Meeting will be held on January 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

**MOVED BY:** Doug Maybank  
**SECONDED BY:** Debra Corey

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Secretary

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President



### **LIST OF MOTIONS**

Delegates' Meeting: November 28, 2012

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

It was resolved to approve the agenda as presented. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Keith Bricknell

**SECONDED BY:** Alan Seymour

#### **2. Approval of the October 29, 2012 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Delegates' meeting held on July 27, 2011 as amended. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Del Brown

**SECONDED BY:** Joan Campbell

#### **3. Budget Update**

It was resolved to approve the increased support of the Building Bridges Scholarship. Increases in expenses will be funded from an increase in new memberships. Suggestion to investigate banking options for community groups. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Alan Seymour

**SECONDED BY:** Del Brown

#### **4. Motion to adjourn**

There being no further business, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.. All were in favour and the **motion was CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY:** Doug Maybank

**SECONDED BY:** Debra Corey